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Complaint Record Number: **44545** **Complaint Source:** **Public** **Submit Date:** **7/29/2015, 01:09 PM**

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Complainant Information:

Referring

URL: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/enforcement/complaints/index.shtml

<u>Emergency:</u>	No	<u>Name:</u>	Jerry Menefee
<u>Spill:</u>	No	<u>Address:</u>	1624 East Pacheco Highway
<u>Confidential:</u>	No	<u>City, St. ZIP:</u>	Los Banos, CA 93635
<u>Follow-up:</u>	Yes	<u>Phone Number:</u>	(209)704-3618
		<u>E-Mail:</u>	Not provided

Referring External Agency: N/A

Name of Referring External Person: N/A

Complaint Information:

<u>Complaint Address or Location Description</u>	<u>Alleged Responsible Party</u>
<u>Address:</u> 1624 East Pacheco Highway	Responsible Person: Not provided
<u>City, St. ZIP:</u> LOS BANOS , CA 93635	Company Name: Bureau of Reclamation
<u>County:</u> MERCED	<u>Address:</u> 2800 Cottage Way
<u>Location Description:</u> Menefee River Ranch	<u>City, St. ZIP:</u> SACRAMENTO CA 95825
	<u>Phone Number</u> (916)978-5100

Complaint Marked Related To: Water

Date of Occurrence: 07/29/15 Time: 1:00 PM Ongoing: Yes

Complaint Description:

On March 3, 1999, the Water Resources Control Board issued Order WE 99-001, which stated that the USBR shall release sufficient water to satisfy the rights of the Menefee River Ranch, provided that the water rights do not exceed the natural flow of the Fresno River. The USBR was required to submit within six months of the final SWRCB action details on how the USBR is calculating the releases required to satisfy the Menefee River Ranch's rights.

Before issuance of this order, the Madera Irrigation District contracted with the USBR with the entire yield of the Hidden Reservoir, also known as Lake Hensley on the Fresno River. The Menefee River Ranch's

property is located immediately upstream on the Fresno River from the Menefee River Ranch.

The SWRCB found that Menefee River Ranch has a total of 1,330 acres of riparian land, including 495 acres that are riparian to the Fresno River, and 845 acres that are riparian to the San Joaquin River. The Board further concluded that because the lands riparian to the San Joaquin River are below the confluence of the Fresno and the San Joaquin River, and because the Fresno River is a tributary to the San Joaquin River, Menefee Ranch is entitled to its correlative share of whatever Fresno River water would under natural conditions flow past those lands.

Therefore, the Menefee River Ranch seeks enforcement of Order 99-001 specifically that the 1,400 acre feet of water is delivered to the Menefee River Ranch.

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